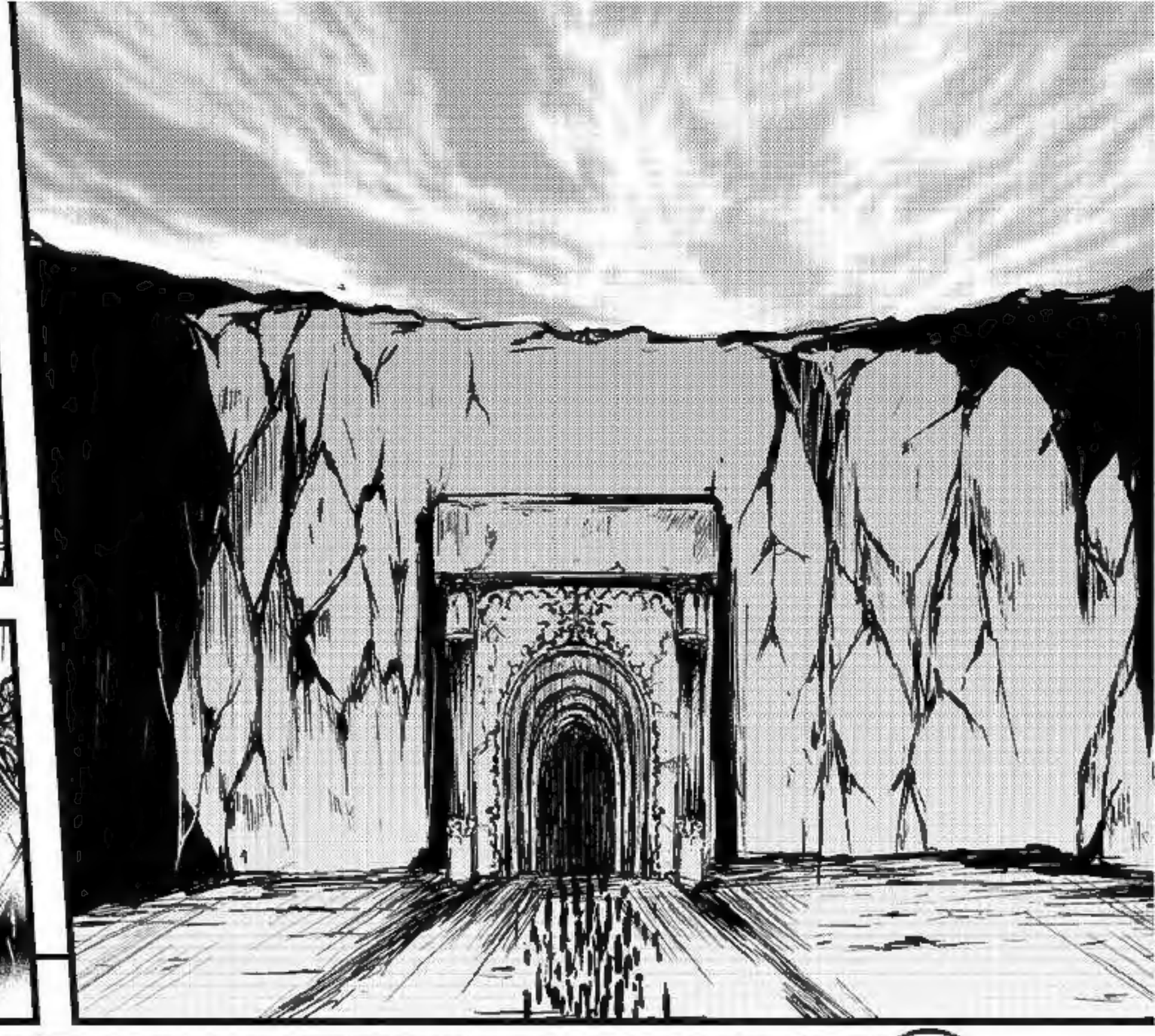

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GOOD MORNING, NAGUMO-KUN!
SO THIS IS ORCUS DUNGEON...
LOOKS PRETTY FESTIVE FOR A DUNGEON...

HM? WHAT IS IT?

O-OKAY...
GOOD MORN-

I KNOW, BUT I WANTED TO GREET YOU. GREET ME BACK!
SH-SHIRASAKI-SAN?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? AMANOGAWA-KUN AND THE OTHERS ARE FAR IN THE FRONT...

NOTHING...
WAS SOMEBODY LOOKING AT US?

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REDUCE THEM TO ASHES AND RETURN THEM TO THE EARTH
SPIRAL BLAZE!!!
BLACK FLAMES, SWIRL FORTH INTO A COIL
LAUNCH AND BURN AWAY OUR ENEMIES
ALL RIGHT ...
GOOD JOB THERE, KIDS.

THIS IS SORT OF OVERKILL.

THING IS, DON'T FORGET THAT YOU HAVE TO COLLECT THE DEMONSTONES INSIDE THEIR BODIES.

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BUT THIS IS A PRACTICE RUN, SO WHATEVER.

I GUESS THE SMALL FRIES ON THE FIRST FLOOR IS TOO WEAK FOR THE HERO PARTY.

THAT MAGIC ATTACK WAS GREAT AND ALL, BUT USING IT DEPLETES SO MUCH OF YOUR MANA!

ESPECIALLY THE MAGIC PARTY!

AND SOMEDAY MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BREAK THE RECORD AND GO BEYOND THE 65TH FLOOR!

AND SO, I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP GOING AND TAKING SHIFTS FIGHTING IN THE FRONT LINE.

HOW DEEP DOES THIS LABYRINTH GO...?

FROM THE WAY YOU FIGHT, I ASSUME YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REACH THE 20TH FLOOR TODAY.

NEXT!

NEXT! NAGUMO HAJIME!

OKAY, NEXT!

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"TRANSMUTE"

WELL, JUST TO BE SAFE...

IT LOOKS SO WEAK, BUT IT'S STILL NOT DEAD.

I KNOW YOUR CLASS ISN'T A COMBAT ONE, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF.

HOW ABOUT IT? THE OTHERS HAVE WEAKENED IT FOR YOU SO YOU CAN GIVE IT THE KILLING BLOW.

THANKS FOR THE CONSIDER-ATION.

BOOM

SQUEAL

SLASH

HMM...

THAT WAS INTEREST-ING.

I DIDN'T THINK SYNERGISTS HAVE ABILITIES THAT CAN BE USED FOR COMBAT...

HE USED TRANSMUTATION TO FREEZE HIS FOE AND THEN DELIVER HIS KILLING BLOW.

ALL RIGHT, RETURN TO THE BACK ROW AND RECOVER YOUR MANA WITH A MAGIC VIAL.

EVERY-ONE'S DONE ALREADY? OKAY, PREPARE YOURSELVES, WE'RE GOING TO THE NEXT FLOOR!

HAAH.

YAY, I'M STILL ALIVE...

SMILE

I DID ASK YOU TO PROTECT ME YESTERDAY,

WHAAAT?

UGH

BUT HAVING YOU STAND NEARBY TO WATCH ME IS KINDA EMBARASSING ...

IT'S THAT FEELING AGAIN...

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WHY DO I FEEL SOMETHING BAD IS COMING...?

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ORCUS DUNGEON 20TH FLOOR

A THOUSAND FEATHERS SORE

AND AT THE HEAVENS THEY ARRIVED.

HEAVENLY SWING!!

HM.

THERE GOES THE LAST MONSTER.

UGH

NOW IT'S--

AWESOME! HE EASILY DEFEATED A 20TH-FLOOR MONSTER!

THAT'S WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM AMANOGAWA-KUN!

SURE, THAT WAS SO COOL, MR. FLASHY.

BUT DID YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT A SKILL TOO STRONG COULD CAUSE THE LABYRINTH TO CAVE IN?

I'M SORRY...

HMM?

OH, THAT'S A GRANTS CRYSTAL.

AND A BIG ONE, AT THAT. THAT'S RARE.

WHAT IS THAT CRYSTAL?

IT'S SO SHINY AND SPARKLY.

AND YUP, THAT WAS THE LAST ONE SO WE'RE DONE HERE FOR TODAY. EVERYONE, LET'S HEAD BACK.

IT IS BEAUTI-FUL....

IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL PROPERTIES, BUT IT SHINES BEAUTIFULLY, SO IT'S PRETTY POPULAR AMONG NOBLES.

CALM DOWN, IT'S NOT EVEN THAT HIGH.

FOOL! DON'T ACT ON YOUR OWN!

THAT'S NOT IT! GET DOWN THIS INSTANT!!

HIYAMA-KUN, DON'T!

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I'LL TAKE IT FOR YOU, THEN.

YOU WANT IT, DON'T YOU, KAORI?

EH ...?

HIYAMA-KUN ...

SEE? EAZY PEEZY.

I TOLD YOU ALL BEFORE THAT THIS LABYRINTH COULD HAVE DANGEROUS TRAPS IN IT!

NOISY OLD COWARD.

YEAH, YEAH, WHATEV'S. IT'S JUST A STONE.

THIS MAGIC CIRCLE ...

IT'S A TRAP!

IT'S THE SAME AS IN THE CLASSROOM!

LET GO OF THAT STONE. RIGHT NOW!

WHERE ARE WE ...?

A STONE BRIDGE ...?

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WHAT IS THAT BLACK CIRCLE ...?

WHAT THE...

KOUKI!! LOOK AT THAT!

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A DEMON EMERGED FROM THE CIRCLE...

IS THAT A DEMONIC BEAST?

JUST DO AS I SAY!

FOOL!

WAIT, MELD-SAN, WE'LL HELP YOU FIGHT--

YOU KIDS... TURN BACK AND RUN AWAY...

THAT'S A BEHEMOTH!

EVEN THE STRONGEST PARTY THAT VENTURED INTO THE 65TH FLOOR COULDN'T PUT A DENT TO IT!

YOU HAVE TO RUN AWAY WHILE I HOLD IT HERE!

MOVE IT!!

I DON'T WANNA GET EATEN

HURRY UP!

UWAAAA

THERE'S A BLACK CIRCLE AHEAD, TOO!

WAIT !!!

THERE'S A LOT OF SKELETONS AHEAD!

AND THEY'RE COMING AT US!

FIGHT! THE COMMANDER IS STILL PROTECTING OUR REAR!

WE CAN DEFEAT THEM IF WE PUT OUR STRENGTH TOGETHER!

CALM DOWN, EVERYONE! THEY'RE JUST TRAUMSOLDIERS FROM THE 38TH FLOOR!

EVERYONE, KEEP CALM AND ENTER BATTLE FORMATIONS!

SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS AND WE'LL BREAK THROUGH!

ALL RIGHT C'MERE YOU BONY FELLAS

SLASH

HOW CAN WE EVEN DEFEAT IT ...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! RUN AWAY!

HEAVENLY SWING DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH IT...

NO WAY ...

AMANOGAWA-KUN, LET'S RETREAT FOR NOW!

I CAN'T LET ANY OF YOU DIE!

THIS IS NO SITUATION TO THINK ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE!

I CAN'T LET YOU FIGHT IT ALONE, MELD-SAN!

THERE'S NOBODY AS STRONG AS YOU, AMANOGAWA-KUN!

WE NEED YOU TO LEAD US!

IT'S CHAOTIC BACK THERE!

WE NEED YOU, LEADER!

NAGUMO ...

STOP THINKING ABOUT YOURSELF AND LOOK AT YOUR FRIENDS!

WE NEED A STRONG LEADER TO LIGHT THE WAY!

WE CAN'T LEAVE IT ALONE, EITHER!

THEN WHAT ABOUT THAT BEAST?!

I HAVE AN IDEA.